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AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 5, 2006. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge a one-month extension of time fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-2546. If, however, should there be any additional fees due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 13-2546. Please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the attached pages.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.